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## PAPERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SAFETY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, JUNE-NOVEMBER, 1775.

[*Continued from the April number.*]

[29.]

### [HENRY LAURENS TO CLEMENT LEMPRIERE.]

Sir

The Council of safety are desirous of consulting you upon a subject of great importance in the American Cause & by their order I request you to meet them in the State House to Morrow Morning——the Council will sit from 9 to 11 oClock—[36]

I am with great
regard Sir--

Thursday
Night
13 July 1775

On Colony service
CLEM[t] LEMPRIERE Esq[r]

*Endorsed:* 13 July 1776—
CAPT LEMPRIERE

[36] See Journal Council of Safety, July 14, 1775, (Collections S. C. H. S. Vol. 2, p. 40); July 15, (Ibid p. 43); July 17, (Ibid, p. 47); July 21, (Ibid, pp. 53, 54); July 22, (Ibid, p. 57); July 24, (Ibid, p. 59); July 25, (Ibid, p. 62); S. C. Hist. and Gen. Mag., Jan., 1900, pp. 66, 73-4; April, 1900, pp. 126-7, 127, 133.

[30.]

Rec$^{d}$ 21$^{st}$ August 1775. of Daniel DeSaussure the sum of Ten pounds Currency for going Express to Captains Stephen Bull and Ulysses M$^{c}$ Pherson I say Rec$^{d}$ by me——William Heilsall

[31.]

[FROM BASIL JACKSON.]

*Addressed:* To ———
The Councel of Safety

Gentlemen

at a time when all America, is in danger of loosing her Freedom, I think it the indisputable duty of every individual to exert himself, in the defence of liberty, especially those that are young. This with my having served as an Officer before in one of the neighbouring provinces imboldens me to make application for a commission in the service of this Province, I do not expect a high commission, as I am almost a stranger in this place, unless upon tryal, you find I Have Merit deserving your confidence——I am

Gentlemen, with the greatest
August 24$^{th}$ 1775 respect your Hble serv$^{t}$
BASIL JACKSON

*Endorsed:* Basil Jackson
24 Aug$^{t}$ 1775—
Read in Council same day
to Apply to Officers
of the Regiment

[32.]

We The Subscribers Whose Names Are here Under Writen do Volluntarely list & In roll Our Selves In A Vallanteer Company of Horse to be Commanded by Capt Mathew Singleton Isham Moore John Singleton In the Parrish of S$^{t}$ Marks subject to the resolves of the General Provinsial Congress & the Counsell of Safety for the service of the

Collinies Purely to Acct. within this Collony & to be ready Upon Any & Every Emergency when thereunto Cauled by the Counsell of Safety and do hereby bind Our Selves in A band by all the Ties of religion & honour to be furm in Our duty to Our Officers and Agree Willingly And Uanumasly to be Subject to the Acct. for Mutiny & desursion As Other Companies in like Surcomstances are so far to be Tried by Our Own Officers of ridgment & Companies to Which We belong In Witness Whereof We have hereunto set Our hands this 26th day of August 1775

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| William Williams | Joseph Rodgers | Mattw Singleton |
| Charles Brunson | Jas Mc Cormick | John James[37] |
| George Brunson | Zachariah Howell[37] | Isham Moore |
| Mathew Brunson | — — — — —[37] | Joseph Hill— |
| John Malone | Isaac Jackson | Thos Moffett |
| Edward Lane | Henry Wheeler | William Brunson |
| John foster | Willis Ramsey | Jacob Chambers × |
| Joseph Singleton | Billinton taylor × | Daniel his × mark Jinnings× |
| William O Harrow | Robert Fleming | Peter Matthewes |
| francis Martin | Thomas Jackson | Jno Singleton |
| Thomas Wells | Drury his × mark fletcher | james farmer × |
| | Josiah Gayle Junr | Jesse temple |
| | Edward Hill | Caleb Gayle |
| | Samuel D witt | Saml Tynes |
| | Sabe Stom— | Rich Wills |
| | | Elliott Holaday |
| | | Richard harvin |
| | | Epheram petty pool Junr |
| | | Jacob brigman |
| | | James Brunson |
| | | Charles Goodwin |
| | | Hope Ridgway |
| | | Henry Hannsworth[37] |
| | | James Allen[37] |
| | | — — — —[37] |

[37] These names are scratched out.

*Endorsed:* CAPT MATH. SINGLETON'S
Volunteer Company.[38]
*Memorandum:* Capt Singleton John Singleton Isham Moore

[33.]

South Carolina, To Charles Pinckney Esquire Colonel of the Militia for the District of Charlestown in the Province aforesaid.

The Petition of Charles Drayton Esquire on behalf of himself and the several persons whose names are mentioned in the list or Schedule hereunto annexed.

Sheweth, That your Petitioner, at the request of and, with the several persons mentioned in the said list or Schedule, having associated to the Number of Fifty and upwards, are desirous of uniting and forming a Company of Foot for the service of the Province aforesaid

That Your Petitioner at a Meeting held for that purpose was unanimously elected and appointed to be the Captain, William Roberts Esquire Thomas Middleton Esquire and Mr George Grey Lieutenants and Mr Thomas Fenwicke Ensign of the said Company Which several and respective Ranks Your petitioner and the several other persons have agreed to accept.

That in order to the training and forming the said Company as soon as possible Your petitioner and the said several other persons are desirous of receiving Commissions according to their several appointments.

Your petitioner therefore on behalf of himself and the rest of the persons whose names are mentioned in the list or schedule hereunto annexed, prays You, Sir, that you would be pleased to use your influence with the Governour in their favour

[38] From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 12, 1899.

for the purpose of obtaining Commissions as above-mentioned

And Your Petitioner &c.

CHARLES. DRAYTON

The List or Schedule within referred to

Charles Drayton
Jnº Gillbank
Wm H. Roberts
Edward North
George Grey
Wm Day
Daniel Wilson
Joseph B. Hollier
Jas G: Williams
Joseph Jennings
Thomas Roche
John Maromet
John Raphel
James Holmes
Jacob Tobias
Robert Testard
Joseph Day
Daniel Keefy
Patrick Dougherty
Nicholas Smith
John Davis
Edmund Fitzpatrick
Bracy Singleton
John Mills
James West
Andw Thomson
Henry Kennan
Samuel Hutchins
Wm Jordan
Thomas Fenwicke
Jacob Michau
John Ewing Calhone
Henry Michie
Ripley Singleton
Erskine Kennedy
Peter Bremar
Thomas Keowin
Wm Greenage
Abraham Maddock
Richard Morgan
John Griggs
Wm Hamilton Cole
Thomas Connor
Robert Lavender
James Leeson
James Stobo
John Moore
Matthew Murphy
Frans Morelli
John Johnson
Lewis Lindor
Alexander Fitzpatrick
Thomas Capers
Peter T. F: Gee
John Howard
Alexander Horn
Joshua Eden
William Mc Kinnon
Jnº Hybart
Sampson Clark.
Thomas Middleton

*Endorsed:* Charles Drayton's application for a Volunteer Company—no date—produced in Council by Coll° Pinckney 28 Aug. 1775[39]

[34.]

## [DR. ALEXANDER ROGERS TO DR. ROBERT WILSON.]

*Addressed:* To

Doc$^{t}$ ROBERT WILSON
on the Bay Near
Robert Wells——
Charlestown

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S$^{r}$ Please send the Medicenes by the first oppertunity and you shall be paid by the public the are for the Use of Col. Thomsons Regement of Rangers pray Dont Disapoint us if you cannot let us have them Give the Memorandum to some other of the faculty person, but I Expect you can Let us have them your Compliance will much oblige your humble sev$^{t}$ ALEXANDER ROGERS[40]

Amelia August 28 1775

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[39] From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, Charleston, S. C., March 12, 1899. Also the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine for April, pp. 134-5.

[40] Alexander Rogers was the Surgeon of the 3rd South Carolina Regiment. See "Collections" of this Society, Vol. 2., p. 39. The memorandum referred to by him is a list of medicines he desired. This paper is in the Society's collection, but it was deemed unnecessary to publish it here.

[35.]

*Addressed:* To
Colº Henry Laurens Esqr
Charles Town.

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Beaufort 22d June 1775

Sir

Capt Lampriere Spared me a barrel of Pork & a Barrel of ship Bread, for the use of the Melitia when Cal'd here to Guard the powder, but the former not being used, was omited to be put on board the scooner that carried the powder, have therefore put it on board a Scooner of Mr Josiah Smith's & Requested of him to Receive it for you—I am with Esteem

Sir

Your obt Hble servt
D: DeSAUSSURE

*Endorsed:* Dan Desaussure
22d June 1775—supposed to
mean August Recd 29th Augt

[36.]

A Return of the First Company of Rangers with the Dates of Enlisting[41]

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Captain Saml Wise Esqr .... | Commissioned June | 18th 1775. |
| 1st Lieutenant John Donaldson.... | ditto..... | dº 18. |
| 2d Lieutenant Joseph Pledger. | Chosen. | July 1st |
| 1st Sergeant Trustum Thomas | Appointed .. | July. 1st |
| 2d Sergeant Benjamin Hicks | ditto..... | dº .. 1st |
| Drum | Ditto .... | dº .. 1st |

[41] See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 414. The April issue of this Magazine, pp. 119-123.

PRIVATES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Burgess Williams | Enlisted 1st | July, |
| 2 | Thomas Dean | dº 1st | dº |
| 3 | Thomas Cochran | dº 1st | dº |
| 4 | Isham Gardner | dº 1 | dº |
| 5. | Edmd Hodge | dº 1. | dº |
| 6 | John Hodge | dº 1 | dº |
| 7 | Alexdr Johnakin | dº 1. | dº |
| 8. | Bently Fearson | dº 1. | dº |
| 9. | John Heard | dº 1. | dº |
| 10. | Benjn Fathern | dº 3d | dº |
| 11. | John Booth | dº 3d | dº |
| 12. | Daniel Welch | dº 8th | dº |
| 13. | Dixon Pearce | dº 8th | dº |
| 14. | Peter Hubbard | dº 8th | dº |
| 15. | Isham Hodge | dº 8th | dº |
| 16th | John Stubs | Enlisted July | 8th |
| 17. | Thomas Conner | dº dº | 8th |
| 18. | Lewis Conner | dº dº | 8th |
| 19 | Silvanus Cooper | dº dº | 8th |
| 20,, | Wm Morris | dº dº | 8th |
| 21. | Sam. Desurrencey | dº dº | 12th |
| 22 | Dl Mc Donald | dº dº | 12th |
| 23, | Moses Mace | dº dº | 12th |
| 24,, | Isaac Lockhart | dº dº | 12th |
| 25,, | John Jones | dº dº | 12th |
| 26. | Henry Wyly | dº dº | 15th |
| 27. | Wm Covinton | dº dº | 15th |
| 28. | Jesse Smith | dº dº | 22d |
| 29. | Thomas Pearce | dº dº | 22d |
| 30. | Daniel Young. | Augt | 10th |

*Endorsed:* A Return of the First Capt Wise's Company of Rangers—not dated nor signd Recd 30 Augt 1775.

[37.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO LT. COL. WM. THOMSON.]

Charles Town 31st August 1775

Sir—

We have before us your Letter of the 25th Inst & intend the following as the present needful answer.

Your Zeal in dismissing several disaffected Captains from service in your Regiment of Militia[42] merits commendation, the vacancies occasioned thereby ought to be forthwith filled up but as Commissions are not now to be obtained in the usual way we recommend to you to encourage volunteer Companies of about 68 Men, who, or the first collected 50 may chuse their own Officers, one Captain, two Lieutenants & one Ensign to whom we will give Commissions when we are informed of their names, the Mens Names & local situation of each Company—

You judged well in giving a Blank Commission to Capt Inhoff for a Second Lieutenant—but if you will recur to our former Instructions you will see that the distinction of first & second is now unnecessary—The Return of your whole Regiment is much wanted & we desire you will make it as soon as possible, that of Capt Wise's particular Company is neither dated nor signed, an Omission which you will guard against hereafter by Issuing proper Orders for that purpose.

We have found it necessary to grant the Honble. Mr Drayton enlarged powers hoping thereby to promote peace & good order in those parts where you are at present threatened with distraction; We therefore enjoin you to Cooperate with that Gentleman in such measures as he may recommend & to add all the Military aid in your power when he may think proper to demand it.

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[42] Although Col. Thomson was commanding the regiment of Rangers under control of the Council of Safety he still retained the colonelcy of the Orangeburgh District regiment of militia. See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 468.

In order to avoid repetitions we recommend a careful review of all our former Instructions & especially to keep the important Post of Fort Charlotte & the safety of our Associated friends at Augusta objects always in sight.

Submitting to your own discretion at the proper time to determine on the propriety of your leaving the Camp we consent to your coming to Charles Town about the 10th Septem according to your request, but we desire you will in such Case leave the Regiment under the Command of the Major.

For good & sufficient reasons we have confirmed the Reappointment of Capt. Ezek. Polk to a Command by Mr Drayton & Mr Tennent but not to be incorporated with your Regiment, although Mr Drayton may order him to be under your Command, for particulars in this Case we refer you to Mr. Drayton—We have a right to expect that Capt. Polk's future behaviour will at ne for his past misconduct; if he does not again disappoint us, a reunion with a Man of his influence & connexions will prove beneficial to our Cause.

We refer great confidence in you, & expect that upon every occasion you will transmit all necessary intelligence to us & that without delay. It affords us satisfaction to learn that your Regiment is advancing in the knowledge of Military discipline in which no doubt you mean to comprehend that most essential branch, readiness to obey orders without questioning propriety or necessity.

By order of the Council of Safety

Coll? Thomson———

[38.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

Charles Town 1st September 1775—

Dear Sir—

After the Council of Safety had retired from the Room where I had been laying before them the Letter to you which comes inclosed with this, a packet arrived from Augusta in

which was contained Copy of a Talk which had been sent from thence to the Lower Cherokees, a duplicate, of which I here inclose you the perusal of it may be of some use to you in your intended interview with the Six Head Men—inclosed also you will find Mr Loocock's Account for certain Indian presents now delivered to Thomas Dean & Thomas Pierce who have promised to convey the whole safely to you—which when done you will Certify in order to entitle them to Five pounds Curr$^{y}$ Money for the safe Carriage—I am with great regard—

Sir

Your most obed$^{t}$ Serv$^{t}$

You will also receive under
Cover with this three small
Packets from Mr Middleton

William Henry Drayton Esquire

*Endorsed:* Copy 31$^{st}$ August 1775
To Wm H. Drayton

[39.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO DANIEL DeSAUSSURE.]

sent by Capt Joiner—
& Mr Thebout—

Dear Sir—

I request your care of the inclosed packet for the Council of Safety at Savanna—if no very safe opportunity immediately presents send it by a cheap express Messenger & your draught for the expense will be paid—it has been too long delayed—your Committees Letter on Mr Stuart's affairs was referred to the General Committee who have ordered their Committee of Intelligence to answer it—I know there are some other of your Letters which remain unanswered, these have been presented to the Council & shall be again on Satur-

day—a multiplicity of business has occasioned the present want of punctuality.—

Charles Town 1st Septembr 1775— I am Sir
Your most obedt Servt

DANIEL DESAUSSURE Esquire

*Endorsed:* Copy 1st Septem 1775
To D. DESAUSSURE

[40.]

## [FROM ALEX. INNES.]

*Addressed:* COLL: LAURENS Chairman
of the Genl Committee[43]

Charles Town 2d Janry 1775

Sir—

I beg leave by your means to acquaint the Committee that as I have submitted to be their prisoner to avoid all possibility of giving them offence I have order'd those few arms I possess (which are only such as Gentlemen generally have to protect them from insult) on board the Tamar.— ——

If I have acted in this matter differently from any other Gentleman it does not proceed from the least wish to appear singular but from a persuasion that our bases are totally different.

I will not detain you any longer Sir on this very trifling subject, I shall only add that concessions which cannot be submitted to with honor, the Committee will I dare say think it below them to insist on.

I am Sir
Your Most Obedt
& Most Hble Servt
ALEX : INNES.—

COLL: LAURENS—

[43] Laurens was not Chairman of the General Committee, but was President of the Council of Safety.

*Endorsed:* ALEXr INNES 2d Janry
intended for September 1775.
Recd 2d Septem—Read
in Committ & deter-
mined that A I.
have leave of absence
from this Colony &
that tis expected he will
avail himself &cº

[41.]

*Addressed:* To
Mr ROBERT ELLISON
between Wateree & Congaree Rivers
on Simpson's Creek.——

South Carolina } We the Subscribers sensible of the Dan-
Camden Dist } ger to Which all the Rights and Libertys of this Colony are Reduced to by the Violence with which all America is Threatned By a Wicked Ministry do freely unite our selves into a Volunteer Company of Rangers as soon as our number amounts to thirty to Chuse and submit to the Comm of such officers as the Majority shall agree to Hereby Engaging to obey such officers punctually in subordination; the Commanding officer of the Regt in this District and Undr the Direction of the Counsell of Safety: muster and Exercise Under Arms as often as necessary and to hold our selves in readiness to march to any part of the Province to defend it against the Enemies of its Libertys at an hours Warning. Given Under our hands this 2d Sept 1775

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rt Ellison Captn | Cato West | |
| James Sanders 1 Lieut | Edward Bland | Willm mcCalester |
| John Ellison 2d Lieut | Alexr his mark × Mc Dowle | Robt Potts |
| Alexander Boyes | William Penny | William Mc Lvey |
| Eleazar Gore | James Mc Dowell | James Morison |
| John Ashford Gore | David Mc Crieght | Aexdr his mark × Robinson |
| David Hamilton | James Mc Creight | James Mcquoin |
| Saml his mark × Armstrong | Robert Gray | John agnew |
| James T. Kennedy | Samuel Dods | James MCmullen |
| Wm his mark × Martin | James Dods | Wm Young |
| John his mark × Martin | Willm Willson | James hanin |
| | Alex Mc quarters | Thomas saint |
| | John Askew | |
| | And Mc Dole | |

We the Within Subscribers Most Earnestly Beg the Council of Safety to Grant Commissions to the Within Mentioned Gentlemen (Viz) Robt Ellison: James Saunders & John Ellison With Proper Instructions how to Proceed in Raising And Training Our said Company and Petitioners as in Duty Bound Will Ever Pray[44]

[42.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM ERVEN.]

Sir.—

When I wrote by order of the Council of Safety to your Council the 25th Ulto your favour of the 17th happened to be mislaid & I had not time then to go or send for it at the State House, therefore I beg you will pardon the delay of an answer.

agreeable to your advice, this, which will inclose a packet for the Council of Safety at Savanna, Shall be covered by a direction to Joseph Clay Esqr & as a further guard

[44] From the private collection of A. S. Salley, Jr. See *The Sunday News*, March 19, 1899.

against its falling into improper hands I shall commit it to the care of the Post Rider after the Mail is made up—who for a small gratuity will deliver it directly to Mr. Clay—if you approve of this mode you will no doubt adopt it & then your Letters for our Council of Safety may be covered by a Simple direction to

Sir—

Your most obedt hum Servt

Charles Town So Carolina 5th September 1775—

Yesterday our Grenadier Company Commanded by Capt. B. Elliott were detached into Rebellion Road in order to take certain deserters from on board a Sloop lying under protection of the Tamar Man of War—the deserters it seems had fled on board the Man of War but Capt Elliott brought the Sloop up to Charles Town this is the vessel which took in part of Capt Maitland's Cargo for St Augustine & put in here in distress—

WILLIAM ERVEN Esquire

*Endorsed:* Copy 5th Septem 1775
Wm EVEN

[43.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

Charles Town 5th Septem. 1775—

Sir—

The powers contained in our last Letter of the 31st Ult.o which went by Thos Dean & Thomas Pierce who carried the Indian presents will have shewn the confidence which we have reposed in you & we assure our selves that you will make such use of your authority & of the means which are in your hands as will be productive of great advantages to the Colony & give general satisfaction.

But we perceive by yours of the 30th Augt which came to

hand this Morning that you had from the Contents of our Letter of the 11th assumed all the powers which we intended to vest you with by our last therefore we cannot avoid remarking that if the former was adequate & sufficient a further application was altogether unnecessary, however we make due allowances for the necessity of the times—We are not under the least doubt of your ability to defeat any Plots which Kirkland may have concerted against Fort Charlotte or Augusta, & since you have thus seriously entered upon a contest with him, it will be absolutely necessary to subdue him, or drive him out of the Country. but we strongly recommend to you to discharge the Militia as soon as you can possibly do it with safety such additional expence will be very heavy on our treasury—

We informed you in our last that we had supplied Colln Neyle with certain quantities of Gun powder & Lead—we shall now send two Barrels of Powder & about 400lb Lead to Mr Kershaw's Store at the disposal of that Gentleman & Colln Richardson, for the use of Colln Richardson's Regiment we should have sent this directly to himself if we had precisely known his station—

As we are come to a Resolution to distribute Powder throughout the Colony among our friends we beg you will consider what will be proper proportions for the several districts in which you have & will have been in the course of your tours—

We are now also to acknowledge the Rect of a Letter from you & Mr Tennent dated at Ford's upon Enoree[45] by the hands of Mr Downs, for carriage of which he demanded, as he said by agreement with you, £35,—& we have paid him although you have mentioned nothing of the agreement nor did it appear to us that he came expressly for that purpose—We hope Mr Tennent will be assured that we have a proper sense of his services & excuse our not writing particularly to him for the reason mentioned in our last our daily expectation of seeing him happily returned to Charles Town—

[45] See Gibbes's Documentary History, 1764-1776, p. 156.

We have sent Copies of Cameron's interrupted Letter & of Clark's affidavit to the Council of Safety at Savanna & to Mr Galphin, no doubt you have made Andrew Williamson fully acquainted with the Contents of both but to guard against the contrary as possibly you may in your hurry have omitted to take Copies we send one of each under this Cover these will do no harm even if they should prove superfluous.

We have Resolved to equip three Schooners to be mounted with two Nine pounders each, for defence of this Harbour & have named Commissioners for the purpose—Captains. Blake Lempriere & Tucker—We have also Ordered the Militia throughout the Colony to be held in readiness as in time of Alarm & you will herewith receive 4 Copies of our Declaration on that head which we desire you will distribute to Collo Savage Collo Richardson, Collo Fletchall & Collo Neyle—we shall now send one to Collo Thomson—

We shall wait with anxiety for further intelligence from you in the mean time be assured of our continued good wishes for your success.——

By order of the Council of Safety

WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON

*Endorsed*: Copy 5th Septem 1775—
Wm HENRY DRAYTON

[44.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO LT. COL. WILLIAM THOMSON.]

Charles Town. 6th Septem 1775[46]

Sir—

In Answer to your Letter of the 2d Inst we refer to our last by Deans & Pierce, by which you will see that although Mr Drayton may from necessity have inticipated he has not exceeded the powers vested in him by calling forth the

[46] See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 430.

Rangers & Militia in order to prevent or defeat the Plots of our Enemies—We have great doubts of Kirkland's boldness in the face of danger & consequently no sanguine hopes of your taking hold of his Body—this is a serious matter & of the utmost moment therefore we shall wait in great anxiety for your further accounts.—Inclosed you will receive a Copy of our Declaration concerning the Militia to which we particularly refer for your Government as Colonel of one of the Regiments—

By order of the Council of Safety.

COLL? WILLIAM THOMSON.

*Endorsed:* Copy 6th Septem 1775.
COLL? THOMSON

[45.]

## [CAPT. ARTHUR CLARKE TO HENRY LAURENS.]

Chas Town Sept? 9th 1775

Sir

As you gave me to understand the intention of my summons before the Genel Committee, was to know wether I chose to subscribe to the Association agreed to by this Province; I hope the following reasons will shew the impossibility of such a measure, without giving any offence, which would be farthest from my wishes.

The first & principle consideration before the making a solemn Engagement like this, is how far we can in honor & conscience comply with it, & how far it may be compatible or interfere with any previous obligations. These considerations duely taken. I find myself under such obligations to my King, whose servant I have been for these 20 years, whose gratuity I now receive, & who I have allways found a kind & benevolent Master; the solemn oath I took upon receiving the Commission I am now honor'd with & under which I act; render it impossible for me to subscribe to this

Association, without fixing the most indelible stain upon my character, & being guilty of the most heinous of crimes, Ingratitude.

Further, sir, I beg leave to represent that having no property in the Province & my duty calling me another way, induc'd me to flatter myself the Gentlemen wou'd have consider'd me as a Transient Person, and not have thought it necessary to make such a request : in order to which I have actually given up the House I possess'd & had determin'd to proceed in the line of my Duty; had not the greatest of misfortunes, the loss of a true Friend & Parent alter'd my intention, & made me desirous of continuing in the Province, to be of all the service & comfort in my power to his Family under so heavy an affliction.

I therefore hope, sir, the General Committee will be satisfyed with these reasons, & not consider them as proceeding from any disregard to this Province, which to the contrary, I ever respected; & so far from wishing that any part of his Majs Dominions may be depriv'd of the blessing of the British Constitution; I sincerely hope every member of them may enjoy it in its fullest plenitude, and that the present unhappy situation of affairs may be speedily brought to a reconciliation that shall establish harmony among all his Majs subjects; and restore that mutual confidence between Great Britain & her Colonies that before subsisted.

As the Packet is under sailing orders, & my future Conduct depends upon the determination of the General Committee on these sentiments, I request your earliest representation of them, & am with respect

Sir

Yr

Most Obedt

Humle Sert

ARTHUR CLARKE

*Endorsed:* Capt Arthur Clarke
9th Septem 1775—
Read in Gen Commee
the 13th—agreed that
Capt Clarke shall be
deemed a transient person

[46.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO CAPT. ARTHUR CLARKE.]

Ansonburgh 13 Septr 1775

Sir

At the Meeting of the Gen Committe this Morning I presented your Letter of the 9th Inst & the Commee were pleased to resolve that you should be considered as a transient person

I am &c

H L

Capt. Arthur Clarke

[47.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO COL. WM. MOULTRIE.]

Sir

In answer to your Letter of this date we acquaint you that the business relative to the No Carolina Prisoners has been conducted altogether by the General Committee & does not lie before this Board.

With respect to the removal of Artillery Stores from the Magazine we have appointed a Commee. to enquire for a proper place to receve them—when that is effected we hope the apprehensions of danger from too free & too frequent access of people to the Gun powder & at the same time the Evil of quarrels & misunderstandings between the Inhabitants & Soldiery will also be removed—having these in view we

do not think it needful to make an investigation into the particular case which you have mentioned especially as we find the Sentinels at the Magazine have sometimes been faulty—we have been informed by a Member of this Council of very improper behaviour on their part—Nothing shall be wanting in us for the public service & safety & for attaining these great ends we shall particularly endeavor to prevent bickering between people who ought to be held in the strictest Union——By order of the Council of Safety

H L
Presdt.

Charles Town 12 Septr 1775
W M—Esquire
Colo of the 2d Regt.

*Endorsed:* Copy to Colo Moultrie
12 Septem 1775—

[48.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO CAPT. JOHN HARLESTON.]

Sir

You will learn from the Inclosed order by the Council of Safety, what was their determination upon the Complaint brought before them against the Officers of the Militia Company under your Command—You will carry the said Order into Execution & make a proper Report as soon as possible to the Council of Safety in order that Commissions may be filled up—

I am
Sir
Your most obedt humble servt
HENRY LAURENS.

Charles Town 12th September 1775— President of the Council of Safety

Capt John Harleston——

*Endorsed:* Copy 12 Septb 1775
to Capt John Harleston

[49.]

## [HENRY LAURENS TO COL. STEPHEN BULL.]

Charles Town 12. Septem. 1775

Sir.——

Until this day I have not been in any degree blameable for the delay of an answer to your several Letters directed to me as president of the Council of Safety, the last of which dated so long since as 24th August came to hand but yesterday.

I had devoted this Morning for writing to you by the post in answer to the whole agreeable to the orders which I have received, but a variety of affairs have crowded in & one which renders it necessary to call the Council very early. I am therefore reduced to this necessity of apologizing lest you should charge the Council with neglect & to beg you to be assured of hearing fully by the next opportunity, from Sir

your most

STEPHEN BULL Esquire.——

*Endorsed:* Copy to Colle Bull
12 Septr 1775—

[50.]

## [FROM COMMITTEE FOR LITTLE RIVER.]

*Addressed:* To
The Committee of Intelligence
In
Chas Town

Little River South Carolina Septr 13th 1775

Gentlemen

We the Committee for this place in Conformity to the Duty of our office, and pursuant to the Directions of the Continental Congress, find ourselves under the Necessity of exposing to the Publick, the Conduct and behaviour of Daniel

Robins Coaster and Trader of this place who after signing the Association might have lain in his native Obscurity, had not the Contemptliness of his principles and his Enmity to the rights and Liberties of this Colony as well as America in General, *did openly in the presence of two of the Committee Violate the resolves entre'd into by the General Committee of Charles Town on the fourteenth of August last with respect to trading with persons who had not signed the Association* and allso employing a Certain James Hamilton who positively refused signing the Association and refused to shew a Certificate of signing a Similar one in North Carolina or Georgia and being called upon by Us did not appear to shew reason why He did so behave and further is now loading his Vessel to Charles Town which we now particularly recommend to You how he disposes of ! We desire that the said Daniel Robins for his despicable Behaviour in the above mentioned should be publickly Advertised

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble servants

Committee for Little River.
SAM[l] DWIGHT
JOSIAS ALLSTON
WILLIAM PIERCE
ALEX[r] DUNN
JOHN ALLSTON JUN[r].
SAMUEL PRICE

To
The Committee of Intelligence
In
Cha[s] Town

*Endorsed:* Committee of Little River
13 Septem 1775
to Commee of Intelligence
Concerning Dan Robin
Read 23[d] Sep[r] G C—

[*To be continued in the next number of this Magazine.*]